



# Bluffton Police Department

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## **Bluffton Police Support New Technology that will help Identify Stolen Property**

Who:

Bluffton Police Department & ProTechDNA

What:

DNA for property

Where:

Bluffton Police Department

When:

Wednesday, January 20, 2016 @ 1 p.m.

A new technology to help identify stolen property will be presented Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at the Bluffton Police Department at 1 p.m.

This new technology is called Anti-Theft Dots, a special adhesive that can be applied to all types of property. Suspended in the adhesive are thousands of tiny microdots, smaller than the size of a grain of sand. Each microdot contains a unique PIN, which is registered and stored in a secure database. All the microdots in each kit have the same PIN, but no kits are alike, providing the reference to "DNA for Property." Users will apply the Anti-Theft Dots applications to their valuables and register their PIN in a Law Enforcement National Database.

With property theft as the top crime statistic nationally; many law enforcement agencies look for ways to battle the criminals that target their communities. The Bluffton Police Department, known for their focus on crime prevention and community outreach will introduce a new technology to enhance their current efforts. Company spokesperson Shawn Andreas commented "We are very excited to introduce our newest application "DNA Protected" with the Bluffton Community."

The Bluffton Police Department will be the first agency in South Carolina to use the newest application, "DNA Protected". "We are excited to have the equipment to be able to identify stolen property, making the Vision of our department, Committed to Community, more of a reality, said Bluffton Police Chief Joey Reynolds.

Samples of the applications and a demonstration of the technology will occur at this event. The Bluffton Police Department and company representatives will be available to answer any questions.